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In re application of: **Rose-Pehrson et al.**

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Response to Ex Parte Quayle Office Action

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 12, 2004, applicants submit the following items for consideration by the Examiner:

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this paper, and includes an attachment.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper. An attachment to this paper includes a copy of the Substitute Specification marked up to show the changes made.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

Attachments begin following page 4 of this paper and include:

- (a) Four sheets of Replacement Drawings (Fig. 1-4, 5A, 5B)
- (b) Marked up copy of the Substitute Specification



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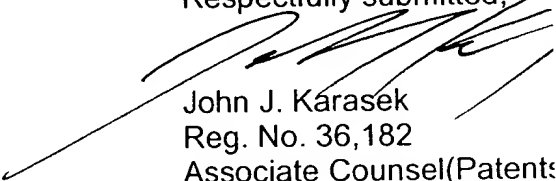
Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated January 12, 2004, setting a two month shortened statutory period for response, kindly find enclosed the following documents:

(a) Response to Ex Parte Quayle Office Action, including four sheets of replacement drawings and a marked up Substitute Specification.

Although no fee is believed to be due, the Commissioner to charge any fees which may be due, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account 50-0281.

Respectfully submitted,


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